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RALPH TINGEY NAMED ACTING SUPERINTENDENT FOR GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

Grand Teton National Park Superintendent Steve Martin announced that Ralph Tingey, Associate Regional Director of Resources, Stewardship and Education in the Alaska Region of the National Park Service, will serve as acting superintendent in Grand Teton National Park for a three-month detail beginning September 29.

"I am thrilled to have someone with the well-rounded expertise of Ralph Tingey to serve in this extraordinary and complex park," said Superintendent Martin. "Ralph's credentials are outstanding, and his previous experience working in Grand Teton will be a huge asset."

Tingey began his National Park Service career in Grand Teton National Park in 1965 as a fire control aid. He then worked as a seasonal climbing ranger and member of the search and rescue team, based out of Jenny Lake, from 1966 to 1974, at which point he became sub-district ranger in the Gros Ventre Sub-district. After four years at that position, Tingey returned to the Jenny Lake Sub-district, where he served as sub-district ranger for several more years.




Tingey remarked that his time spent in Grand Teton will be helpful: "I'll have the advantage of knowing the park and its resources, although many of the issues will be new to me." Since his will be an interim position, Tingey does not expect to make too many changes, but rather continue and expand projects begun by Superintendent Martin. "It's more like taking the helm of the ship and keeping it on course," said Tingey.

After his fifteen years in Grand Teton, Tingey transferred to Denali National Park in 1981. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act had recently tripled the size of Denali to over six million acres, and Tingey's first job was to help handle the resulting issues, including concessions, planning, mining, shuttle busses, and subsistence hunting.

Since 1984, Tingey has worked in the Alaska Regional Office in a variety of positions, including associate regional director of operations and associate regional director of resources, stewardship and education. Tingey also served as superintendent of the eleven million acre Northwest Alaska Areas for two years and superintendent of Lake Clark National Park for two more, before beginning his current job.

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Tingey received a B.A. in Classical Greek from the University of Utah, studied Arabic at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, and earned an M.A. in Near Eastern Languages from The Johns Hopkins University. In 1968, Tingey was awarded the Department of Interior Valor Award for a difficult rescue on the North Face of the Grand Teton. He was also elected to the Teton County School Board in 1980.

Ralph and his wife, Sheri, were married in Jackson Hole in 1975. Sheri started a ski clothing manufacturing business in Jackson, “Design by Sheri,” which made boutique powder suits, women’s down coats, and other outdoor clothing. She also started a business in Alaska, “Alpacka Raft,” which manufactures and sells one-person pack rafts. In addition to her design talents, Sheri has taught children’s gymnastics and swimming for many years.

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